



## POOL CONTRACTOR PROCESS CHANGES

The city of Las Vegas adopted the 2003 International Building Code (IBC) on November 19, 2003. We established a 180-day "grace period" that ends May 19, 2004. During this time, we will accept plans drawn under either the 1997 Uniform Building Code (UBC) or the 2003 International Building Code (IBC).

The 2003 IBC includes changes in structural requirements that will impact pool design. Engineering must comply with the 2003 IBC requirements as of May 19, 2004. This includes all seismic provisions.

Following are some changes in our procedures that will have an impact on the pool industry. These changes will also be effective May 19, 2004.

1. There will no longer be a "basket" at the front counter for pool submittals. Fill out an application, take a number, and see a permit technician. Any problems with the submittal can be identified with the technician, and you will save time in the long run.
2. By State Statute, all plans must be signed and stamped by the respective design professionals: Pool Contractor, Structural Engineer, Electrical Contractor, and Plumbing Contractor. Two complete sets are required. The holder of an A-10 license can sign plans for the pool, piping, deck, and equipment. The holder of a C-1 (plumbing) license must prepare plans for gas lines or potable water systems. Pools plans will also require the signature of an electrical contractor or engineer. For your information, gas lines can be installed "by owner", but separate plans and permits are required. (Per NRS, an owner/builder cannot work off a contractor's plans or act as a subcontractor to a licensed contractor.)
3. If the pool contractor pulls all permits, the subcontractors must register by completing a subcontractor registration form. These forms must be submitted by fax after the permit is issued and before work is begun. Do not submit with the initial submittal package. In the near future, a new computer system will eliminate the requirement to fax subcontractor registration information.
4. Soils reports are required unless the pool is designed to "worst-case" specifications. "Excavation only" permits may be issued to facilitate soils testing.
5. All pool heater equipment vent terminations shall be a minimum of 4 feet (4') from all side and rear property lines and must also comply with the manufacturer's installation instructions for clearance to buildings.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Ted Schnoor, Supervisor of Permits, at 229-2406.